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COMMUNIST, SOCIALIST WORKERS STILL BATTLE AUSTRIA FASCISTS

War Danger Sharp as
Imperialists Clash
on Austria

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VIENNA, Austria, Feb. 18.—Today, more than a week since the start of the uprising against Austrian fascism, the courageous workers of Vienna are still fighting in various parts of the city, by no means ready to give up although poorly armed, and knowing that the gallows is the fate of every revolutionist caught with arms.

The disablement of the telephone service in several important centers, indicates that the fascist government will also come up against the organized sabotage actions of the workers, designed to cripple the most basic economic branches.

The week's fighting thus far, it is estimated, resulted in about 2,000 deaths, and many thousands wounded including women and children. At least three thousand Communist and Socialist fighters in Vienna were captured, fascist forces getting the upper hand only after mobilizing the regular army, the Heimwehr, and using the most modern military equipment, including heavy artillery.

During the revolution, several cities and sections of Vienna changed hands. The workers held Steyr and its huge munition plant for several days, as well as some of the other industrial centers in Styria.

In Vienna, the large Karl Marx apartment is in ruins, as a result of bombardment with howitzers. Men, women and children displayed an unprecedented heroism in defending their homes and the largest tenement in Europe was captured only after great loss to the fascist murderers.

The revolution was a splendid show of united action between the Socialist and Communist workers over the heads of the reactionary Social-Democratic leaders, who have betrayed the workers. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

San Joaquin Power Co. Tries to Split Ranks of Farmers

ANNOUNCE CHEAPER OFFER
OF SURPLUS POWER AS
MOVE AGAINST STRIKE

CHOWCHILLA, Cal., Feb. 15.—In an effort to break the strike of farmers in this vicinity for half reduction on power rates, and a halving of base bills, the San Joaquin Light & Power Co. and Midland Counties Public Service corporation are making an offer which on its surface appears to be a concession but which is of no use to the farmers involved. Admitting they will not cut down on their dividends, and that business has been on the decline they offer all consumers surplus power for a two-month period to begin in April, at the amount paid for the month of March. The farmers would be allowed to use in both April and May, more than normally consumed in those months, and pay half price for the excess of their March bill for each month. Consumers using less will be charged the regular amount. Of course, there is an IF in the matter—it may be done, perhaps, if their scheme is approved by the railroad commission, proving the "offer" to be only a move to disrupt the ranks of the farmers, for the scheme can be scrapped any time if it first succeeds in splitting the small farmers.

But they, unable to see how they can use this year more power than last year, when they can't even pay last year's bills, are standing by their demands for reduction of half in the base bills and of the rates for this year.

The United Farmers League is urging all small farmers to join their movement and force the rates down.

Big World Protests Can Stay Mass Hangings

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—A protest against the slaughter of the Austrian workers will take place at Walkers Auditorium, 730 So. Grand Ave., L. A. on Wed., Feb. 21 at 8:00 p. m.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Following the call of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the U. S., the western districts of the Communist Party have issued a call to all organizations irrespective of political or trade union affiliation, to join immediately for united mass demonstrations in solidarity with, and in defense of the brave fighting Austrian workers, and against fascism.

Pointing out that many have already been hanged, and that the same fate awaits thousands more for their valiant fight to stop the advance of fascism, workers are called to sweep aside all who stand in the way of united action at such a moment.

In all cities demonstrations should be arranged under the joint auspices of the Communist Party, Socialist Party branches, fraternal, trade union and similar organizations. Resolutions should flood the Austrian embassy in Washington, D. C., and delegations should visit consulates wherever they exist, to demand the release of the Austrian Socialist and Communist workers. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 4)

Belgian Socialists for Monarchy, but Communists Defy

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 19.—Following with the sweep against fascism in Europe, the Belgian Communist Party in a manifesto calls upon the workers to refuse to recognize the accession of the Belgian King Leopold to the throne, and to demand a republic.

This courageous action is contrasted by the disgraceful action of the Socialist Party of Belgium, which through its central organ, Le Peuple, declares: "The blind stupidity of fate has deprived the country of a great citizen, a courageous and wise man, who held the peace—the best of treasures." All the Socialist leaders were present along with the monarchists and bourgeois parties to participate in the memorial services for the king. When the prime minister called for standing at attention in the Belgian House and began his eulogy of the late king, the Communist members leading the Flemish separatists walked out.

3,000 Respond to Portland Call of Single Unemployed

JOBLESS DEMONSTRATIONS
RESULT IN RAPID GROWTH
OF LOCAL

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16.—More than 3,000 workers responded to the call of the Single Workers Local of the Unemployed Council Tuesday in a mighty demonstration in Plaza Park to protest against all forms of discrimination against the unemployed, particularly regarding medical care, against forced labor on the soup lines, and to demand adequate cash relief for all single unemployed in Portland.

While the meeting was progressing in the Plaza, deputies and police mobilized before the County courthouse for fear the demonstration might move into the building. Instead, they went in a body to back up their demands at the CWA offices at the Panama Building, where they (Continued on Page 5, Col. 5)



15 Jailed as 1000 Sacramento Jobless Fight Shelter Boss

STRUGGLE FLARES WHEN OR-
GANIZATION RIGHT IS
REFUSED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 14.—Fifteen workers were kicked out of the Government Shelter today for trying to organize and demanding better food, clothing, etc., after a fight which involved the 1,000 workers. Several were hurt in the melee.

Answering the statement of Jacobs, manager of the shelter, in the Sacramento Union, that good food and clothing was provided, workers put up a notice on the bulletin board exposing the lie, and calling for formation of a grievance committee. Jacobs tore the leaflet down and challenged anyone to debate the conditions in the shelter. One man, Sands, took him up and exposed the rotten conditions. Unable to answer, Jacobs said, "Well, anyone can have my job if they don't like the way things are run." When Sands took the offer up, too, Jacobs ran to his office. After talking with the rest of the workers Sands went to the office saying he would take over the job and his pay would go into food for the workers.

The men have only been getting the scantiest of slop, while Jacobs and his flunkies eat ham and eggs and other good food by themselves, aside from carrying home cases of the food and new clothes.

Some of Jacobs' flunkies tried to throw Sands out and the fight began, resulting in the arrest of fifteen workers.

I.L.D. Fight Wins New Hearing for Jordan

Delegation of Workers to Hold Open Mass
Trial of Boss Courts; Warn that Mass
Pressure Must Continue

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16.—The long fight under the leadership of the International Labor Defense and the Jordan Defense Committee, has finally forced the Oregon Supreme Court to grant the framed Negro a re-hearing.

Filipino Workers Rally to Organize for Asparagus Crop

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 15.—The Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union called a meeting Saturday of the Filipino workers to start organizing in preparation for the coming struggle in the asparagus fields next week. Twenty-five Filipinos attended. An Executive Committee of eleven was elected and all those present pledged to join the union. Following discussion, a scale of \$1.25 per 100-lbs. for picking asparagus was decided on as the main demand.

During the meeting a Filipino faker got up and made a plea for the contractors saying that since the workers were so well taken care of they shouldn't turn traitor to the bosses. But when a Filipino put him on the spot, demanding that if he was so sympathetic to the workers that he join the union and help the fight for better wages, the faker left.

Members of the Workers Ex-Servicemen's League pledged to support the Filipino branch in its fight.

Jordan, from his death cell in the Oregon State Penitentiary, declared "I know that only the protests from thousands of workers and the militant campaign led by the I.L.D. has made reconsideration on the part of the court possible. And I also know that only increasing waves of protest will make this re-hearing more than a gesture."

Calling upon all workers to push forward the campaign to secure 10,000 signatures on the petitions demanding Jordan's freedom, Revels Cayton, section organizer of the I.L.D. declared "Re-hearings and the Scottsboro cases. Re-hearings and new trials have not yet set the Scottsboro boys free."

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—Oregon's capitalist justice will be on trial March 1 in Salem. The workingclass will be the judge and the jury.

On that date, Governor Julius Meier and the Oregon State Supreme Court will be brought before a mass and delegate conference of workers to give their "reasons" why the State of Oregon does not immediately grant freedom to Theodore Jordan, innocent Negro worker framed on a murder charge by a Southern I.U. but to fight for their demands until they are granted.

Hopkins Admits Almost Million are Already Fired

Firing Will Result in
the Biggest Jobless
Army in History

Friday will be the last pay day for 572,000 CWA workers throughout the country, as the first firing takes effect. It will be followed by a 10 percent weekly cut in the number on jobs and by May 1 the CWA program will breathe its last.

Harry L. Hopkins, Federal relief administrator, announces that the first cut will leave 3,104,400 on CWA payrolls. Since there were 4,000,000 on, the 325,000 not accounted for were in the preliminary lay-offs during the last few weeks.

Although President Roosevelt was sure that when the CWA program ends there will be regular jobs for all on CWA the 4,000,000, together with those now out of work will make the greatest army of unemployed since the advent of the crisis. The latest reports of the Labor Department in Washington, gives 2,387,000 as the number placed on jobs since March 1933. This is even less than the number claimed to have been placed on jobs up to November when the CWA jobs started. No account is given of the number added to the army of unemployed which stood at 17,000,000 on March 4, when Roosevelt walked into the White House. The 450 million dollars allotted for the CWA will only last until the program tapers off by May 1st.

In the same report the Labor Department claims that the cost of living since March 1933 rose by less than 2%.

CWA Off Relief
The 4,000,000 will remain off relief, and although Hopkins promises that each in need will be taken care of, the workers will have to fight to get on relief. In the meantime in San Francisco (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

S. F. Single Jobless Present Demands to S. F. Supervisors

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—A delegation from the single unemployed led by the Unemployed Council and Workers Ex-Servicemen's League today presented demands to the Board of Supervisors for cash relief or work at union wages. Backing up their demands were petitions signed by thousands of unemployed and hundreds of businessmen. Seeing this, Supervisor Uhl told the delegation to "go get all your grievances and bring them up next Friday to the meeting and if you don't work with us we might be able to do something."

The delegation will return next Friday, not to play along with Uhl but to fight for their demands until they are granted.

3,000 FORCED TO EVACUATE DESERT CAMP; ORDERED OUT OF COUNTY

Strikers Call for Quick Relief as Hunger
Becomes Acute; 3 Babies Die from
Unsanitary Water

S.F. Longshoremen Fakers Defeated in Convention Vote

MEMBERS VOTE A MILITANT
RANK AND FILE PRO-
GRAM; ELECT OWN
DELEGATES

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—At the regular meeting of Local 38-79 of the International Longshoremen's Assn., twenty delegates were elected to the Rank and File Convention of stevedores to be held in this city Sunday, Feb. 25. All locals of other ports have voted their delegates.

The Rank and File Convention is a great victory for the members of the I.L.W. in their fight against misleaders for rank and file control and untangling all ports of the coast for a fighting program. At the convention, concrete proposals will be made to unite longshoremen, seamen, and teamsters into a unity federation for a possible coast-wide strike if the workers code is rejected.

For Militant Program
The meeting unanimously voted in favor of the San Francisco local's program of work as opposed to the Ryan plan, demanding \$1 an hour, \$1.50 overtime, 6 hour day, 30 hour week and union recognition. The Ryan plan, cooked up at the code hearings in Washington by the shipowners, the Blue Book union of San Francisco, the I.L.A. officialdom and the fink-halls, would take away the right of the men to strike by setting up a National Industrial Relations Board of two shipowners, two workers representatives and one "impartial" chairman, whose decisions would be final. Another point of the Ryan plan is "declassification", (Continued on Page 5, Col. 3)

Timber Workers Win Strike at Willapa Harbor

FORM LOCAL OF NATIONAL
LUMBER WORKERS
UNION

RAYMOND, Wash., Feb. 19.—The striking loggers of Camp No. 1 and No. 2 of the Willapa Harbor Lumber Co. have won a pay increase of 17 percent, recognition of the Loggers Adjustment Committee and the other demands put forward by the National Lumber Workers Industrial Union. Camp No. 1 returned to work Thursday and Camp No. 2 today.

When promises of pay increases to begin Jan. 1st did not come after a month, the fallers and buckers of the two camps struck and organized a mass picket line. The National Lumber Workers Union was immediately notified and organizers were sent. The company brought in forty men to scab but when these men found out that the strikers were not in the final settlement were \$15 each for their expenses in making the trip. Of the 150 who joined the NLWU local, some were these men.

After eight days the company tried to break the ranks with offering different rates for the two camps but the men stuck together and finally won their demands. The new rate calls for 35c per thousand for fallers and 25c for buckers, minimum in Camp No. 1, and 26c for fallers and 23c for buckers, minimum in Camp No. 2, and a sliding scale upward for poorer timber and poor ground, and daily statements of the amount of timber they cut. The new union sent a vote of thanks to the International Longshoremen's Assn. for the use of their hall for meetings.

CALIPATRIA, Cal., Feb. 20.—Twenty-five strikers were arrested today as a mobilization of police began forcing pea pickers to evacuate "Young's Camp" on the desert. 3,000 were in the camp. The eviction was ordered by local authorities on grounds that the camp was unsanitary. The workers, refusing to scab, are being forced out of the county. Eviction at a second camp, near here, has begun.

CALIPATRIA, Cal., Feb. 19.—Faced with unbreakable solidarity of 7500 striking pea pickers led by the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, the growers are desperate to save their profits and are unleashing another wave of terror like that of the recent lettuce strike.

More than 4500 acres around here and Nieland, are tied up, with less than 50 scabs working under armed guards in the entire area, despite the growers using every method of intimidation to force workers back into the fields. As camp after camp was threatened with mass evictions by vigilantes, and the impounding of their cars, thousands of workers are assembling at "Young's" (Continued on Page 5, Col. 6)

Rush Relief!

With relief cut off, food, clothing and funds are more urgently needed than ever. The workers throughout the state have helped generously and by Thursday night \$232.64 had been received from San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego WIR collections. But this must immediately be increased, as a large part of that was used for maintaining the picket lines which have kept the strike solid. RUSH FUNDS to 852-8th Ave., San Diego.

Ray Gogan Gets 16 Month Sentence in Stockton Frame-up

LED 75 STARVING WORKERS
INTO SALVATION ARMY
KITCHEN

STOCKTON, Cal., Feb. 16.—In one of the rawest frame-ups in local history, Ray Gogan was sentenced to sixteen months in prison for "leading 75 starving Mexican unemployed to the Salvation Army in January and demanding food for them."

In addition to a one year sentence, Gogan must work out a \$260 fine at \$2 a day, making four months more.

Between 400 and 500 workers were present to hear the trial. The jury, composed of American Legionnaires and clubmen and one weeviling from the AFL painters union, listened only to the arguments of the Legionnaire Prosecutor Grant, and the lies of police officers, four S. A. flunkies, and S. A. Capt. Strathead who was not even present at the affair, and of Ben Culver, Federal relief head. Gogan put up a brilliant self-defense but the trial was cut and dried in advance. When Gogan asked for an advisor from among the workers who was not even present at the trial, he was refused. Gogan acted only a licensed attorney could act for him, and there was none. Martin Wilson of the International Labor Defense interrupted the case to advise Gogan to ask for postponement and was sentenced to five days for contempt of court.

COMMUNIST ELECTION NOMINATING CONVENTION TO BE IN S. F. ON MAY 6; SIGNATURE WEEK, MARCH 4 TO 11

Convention to Be Big Mass Congress of Toilers to Name Only Workers' Ticket in State

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—The Communist Party Election Campaign Committee announces that within a week the calls for the State Nominating Convention to be held in San Francisco on May 6th, will be out.

The call will be sent to all workers organizations in the state, including the Socialist Party branches, for delegates to organize a solid united front behind the only workers ticket in the state.

With the object of making this convention a great gathering to launch the most active campaign in the history of the California workers, apportionment of delegates will bring at least 1,000 from all parts of the state. Each state-wide organization is entitled to three delegates from its state committee, and one delegate from each of its local branches or units. Each unit of the Communist Party, branch of the Socialist Party, of the International Workers Order, I. L. D., Union locals, Unemployed Councils, United Farmers League, etc. is entitled to one delegate. All such organizations not receiving the calls should call for them at the local campaign offices.

From reports in the campaign committee's office, approximately 3,000 signatures to place the Communist Ticket on the ballot have already been collected. The total needed is 23,500, and the thousands now circulating petitions should report to the local offices so that a check-up could be made. The signatures must all be in prior to the nominating convention.

The week of March 4th to March 11 will be a State Red Week in the signature drive. All with petitions are to be organized for a daily collection during the entire week, and a thorough mobilization will assure the bulk of the signatures by March 11. All should report to the local campaign committees, where districts to be canvassed will be given them.

All workers and sympathizers are again called to change their registration to Communist, as soon sponsors will be needed in all parts of the state, totalling more than 3,000 and they must all be registered Communists. All attempts to prevent such re-registration on the part of the county registrars is illegal, and should be reported immediately to the State Election Campaign Committee's office at 37 Grove St., San Francisco.

PROMINENT WRITERS AND TRADE UNION LEADERS JOIN SCHOOL

Courses Increased to Thirty-one to Meet Big Demand

In line with the 100% increase in registration which is expected for the Spring Term of the San Francisco Workers School, plans have been made for a great broadening of school activities. Forums, lectures, concerts and exhibits will be held during the term, which opens March 5 and closes May 31.

The first exhibit is scheduled in conjunction with the Student Round-Up, March 3, at 8 p. m. It will comprise a collection of Pastel Portraits of Revolutionary Working Class leaders, just completed by Comrade Mary Totoff. These are portraits of past and contemporary leaders of the entire world movement.

AF of L Members in Council

A School Advisory Council has been formed for the purpose of drawing into the work of the school the widest possible representation of revolutionary leaders and writers. The Council consists of the following: Langston Hughes, Negro writer; Ella Winter, Lincoln Steffens, writers; Sam Darcy, District Organizer, CPUSA; George Morris, Editor, Western Worker; Beatrice Kinkead, teacher; Anita Whitney;

Dr. M. N. Crawford, Negro physician; Benjamin Ellisberg, business agent, Ornamental Plasterers Union, AF of L; Edward Harris, Machinists Local No. 68, AF of L; Sam Diner, president, NTWU; Harry Jackson, Coast organizer, MWIU; Neil Hickey, district organizer, TUUL; Leo Gallagher, ILD attorney.

Executive Committee Broadened

The Executive Committee of School, which works with the operation of the Advisory Council, is comprised of the following: James Branch, director; Esther Goodman, secretary; Nell Higgins, librarian; J. R. Weeks, publicity manager; M. McNab; G. Bergman; L. Sugi; Dr. H. P. Unsinger; W. Randolph; G. Geofrin.

A gymnasium class will be held as well as a class in Workers Hygiene and First Aid. Many other classes, such as Poster Work, Lettering and Sketching, have been added.

Registrations are now being taken at Ruthenberg House, 121 Haight Street, the headquarters of the Workers School, and the School Office is open daily from noon to 10 p. m.

Orange County Tree Fumigators Strike

SANTA ANA, Feb. 18.—Two hundred fumigators in Orange county struck last week against what are reported to be the most unbearable conditions of all orchard work.

The men used for fumigating fruit trees with the deadly poison—hydrogen cyanide gas—are only those made so desperate by hunger that they will take any work. Most workers who last two or three weeks, have their teeth ruined by the dangerous gas, and narrow escapes from death are common occurrences. The speed-up is terrific. One contractor increased the number of trees for each group of four men 60 to 68 trees, for fumigating which each man gets 50c. The crews of four handle between 65 and 85 big tents (many of which are 38 by 45 feet in size) for their 50c, and because the humidity and temperature must be just right the men report for work about two in the afternoon and often get in only 50c worth of work, after waiting several hours for the right conditions.

The men were unorganized, but 40 got disgusted and quit in a body. They went to the other jobs, and after talking a few minutes threw down the poles and the other men stopped work. Police cars were soon patrolling the area, and after three nights the strike was finally disrupted. But in it many of the men have learned that by such organized action was the only way they will win better conditions for themselves.

Workers School in L. A. Offers Eight Courses, Beg. Mar. 5

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19th.—Eight courses will be offered in the special session of the Los Angeles Workers School, opening March 5th for a session running through until May 25th.

Courses included are: History of the American Labor Movement, Principles of Communism, Political Economy, History of the Three Internationals, Trade Union Tactics, Revolutionary Journalism, Party Organization, and Research Technique.

Santa Monica RWPU Wins Relief Cases

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 14.—A coalition of thirty from Local 4, Relief Workers Protective Union went to the office of the County Welfare to demand relief for an unemployed woman worker and another unemployed worker. They insisted on immediate attention from Welfare 15, supervisors of county charity. Although he phoned for eight police and refused to recognize the committee, he was forced to grant its demands. The committee is going again today and Saturday with other grievance cases.

Party Convention Discussion Section

THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM AND ANTI-SEMITISM

By M. Baylin

"The Communist Party must daily and concretely expose chauvinism to the masses in this country, and oppose it by proletarian internationalism. (First Task of the Communist Parties, Thesis of the 13th Plenum C. P.)

Chauvinism is the development of the spirit of nationalism, race superiority, white supremacy, anti-semitism, division between native-born and foreign-born workers, through the propaganda of the agents of the Capitalist class. It plays into the hands of forces pushing toward fascist dictatorships and imperialist wars. We workers realize that our enemy is the capitalist class that forces us to work for starvation wages, keeps millions of us unemployed, and kills millions of workers through their imperialist wars. We must realize that to combat this we must be united as one in the fight against capitalist attacks on our living standards. The bosses realize the power possible in our unity, and it is for this reason that the Negro workers are especially persecuted and divided from white workers in the South, that foreign-born and native-born are edged against each other in the East, that in the West the agents of the bosses—schools, press, labor and political misleaders—carry on campaigns of propaganda against workers from the Far East. In Los Angeles where the activity and organization of the workers have been growing rapidly, the bosses are using anti-semitism to confuse and divide the workers, spreading poisonous propaganda against the Jews by means of organizations directly supported by the bosses.

Fascist Organization

The Silver Shirts, fascist organization of this kind which raises the cry against Jews and Communists, has its national headquarters in Los Angeles, and carries on its activities openly and with the support of the administration, the Chamber of Commerce and their infamous Red squad. In its propaganda sheets and other literature it offers the workers impossible rewards if they will join, and its propaganda against the Jews is a horrible mess of conjectures, lies, insinuations—the sort of stuff on which all chauvinistic propaganda is based. Samples from their literature are: "The prostitutes that walk our streets come from the Jewish race". "All

degenerates are Jews". "Christ was not a Jew, he was a Hebrew. It seems impossible to repeat the error, bring charges against him immediately. Members who refuse to be corrected on the basis of a thorough political explanation will be expelled from the working class, who allow themselves to be the tools of our class enemy and cause disunity in our ranks."

This poison of the bosses has gone to the extent of penetrating into the ranks of our Party. Cases of party members expressing anti-semitic ideas and being afflicted with chauvinism have been uncovered. There are cases even where new members in our Party, without understanding the nature of the Silver Shirts, have joined that organization.

An attitude that Boyle Heights' whose population is largely Jewish, is petty bourgeoisie and unimportant as a place to carry on activity, that is a good place to be with burdens of detail work or enrollment for the Party prevails among the Party membership. This idea is directly traceable to the poison let loose by the Los Angeles Times and the Red squad for the last eight years. The leadership of the Los Angeles Section is largely responsible for this condition in the Party because it did not take immediate action when the first evidences of this tendency appeared. It has taken a slight attitude to this menace. Older Party members did not immediately correct new members who expressed anti-semitic ideas.

An immediate correction is to be made and steps are being taken to fight fascism and anti-semitism within and without the Party.

What to Do

How can we best fight this menace? First, through thorough education as to the nature of fascism, through vigorous exposure and stoppage of any chauvinistic actions and expressions. Every class-conscious worker must study and understand the nature of Fascism and how to combat it, by reading the Party press, the Daily Worker, Western Worker, Communist, and the pamphlets on the subject of chauvinism and fascism.

2. Immediately take steps to clarify all new members on this subject, explaining to them the danger of chauvinism as the forerunner of fascism. Hold discussions in your units, unions and mass organizations. Discuss the question with the workers in the shops and factories.

3.—Do not permit chauvinis-

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4.—Workers Defense Corps must be organized by all the mass organizations to resist the attempts of fascist thugs to disrupt our activity in the near future.

5.—Anti-fascist organizations must be supported and strengthened to fight the menace of war and fascism. Special attention must be given to recruiting for these organizations from the shops and factories, which must become the strongholds of anti-fascism.

6.—Public trials of Party members charged with chauvinism and anti-semitism should be held wherever such cases appear.

Workers in all towns! Send in stories of wages and conditions to the "Western Worker!"

the workers' conditions, which were 12 to 14 hours a day, hard work, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, without a day off, at a wage far below the NRA blanket code. You can plainly see that the union had a large field to work in. Mr. Merchant closed his eyes to the dairy workers' conditions and also in his talk gave a very clear impression that he could not handle the truth.

As a result, when the workers met again two weeks later, you could count the number on one hand, and the A. F. of L. took a nose dive which carried it down amongst its friends, the hot angels, and was cremated, as far as the milkers were concerned.

The dairy workers realizing that they needed a union, went to the TUUL headquarters, 546 So. Los Angeles St., and received the ship, but you workers can furnish the ocean."

On the small dairies which did not sign up with the union, we have called a truce, which will work to our advantage, and show to the world that we realize that we have a common struggle along side of the small farmers against the big corporations which are exploiting us both.

(Editor's note: This article, written by a member of the new milkers union, who has received his first experience in industrial unionism in this strike, shows at the same time the prestige amongst the workers of our fighting unions, and the tendency of inexperienced workers to depend too much on the boycott as a weapon of struggle.)

Lucha Obrera Editor To Tour California

P. Garcia, editor of "Lucha Obrera," Spanish organ of the Communist party, will tour the state of California, beginning on Feb. 25 in Santa Barbara.

Comrade Garcia's schedule in part is as follows:

Santa Barbara . . . Feb. 25, 26, 27
Los Angeles and vicinity . . . March 1 to 7
San Diego and vicinity . . . March 8, 9 & 10

Subsequent dates for his tour of the San Joaquin Valley will soon be announced.

The above picture tells the story of what the TUUL is doing for the workers in southern California. The TUUL pill was able to get the big thieves, and their throats very small, so we decided to give them our medicine in the form of a boycott, which sure works fine. The Ador Creamery has had to lay off eight wholesale and retail drivers, and the dairies have three scabs doing the work of one union man. In the last four

weeks the scabs have spoiled 260 cows. They have had to send them to the slaughter house, which means a plant loss. You can plainly see why the Red squad in this city who are working as tools for the dairy owners paid us a call every night and took everything away that looked like paper.

I think, as a whole we have done splendidly for such a young union. We are only six weeks old and have just come out of three weeks big battle with the two biggest thieves and are laying our lines of struggle to catch our breath and throw our full strength against Ador, Jessups, and Golden State, by continuing the boycott, which has a tremendous undertow in drawing dollars and cents from their foundations which are beginning to crack all over the world. The workers have stood all they can stand from capital, which says "I refuse the ship, but you workers can furnish the ocean."

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FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Dimitroff to Begin Hunger Strike

NEVADA CITY, CAL., Feb. 9.—The labor camp here is only working 15 hours a week. Board is 50 cents a day. They were feeding pretty good, but now the food has been cut, the food is getting rotten as the allowance for food has been cut in half. Yet we still pay 50 cents for food. The bunkhouse is crowded, too crowded, bunks about 4 inches apart. We have not been paid for five weeks. We are supposed to make 25 cents a week clear. The fellows are getting a hell and are beginning to turn more and more to the Communist Party and for WFL for help in organizing for better conditions.

Bill Green Smokes 60-Cent Cigars!

By Arthur Fairchild

The imaginative history of a labor "leader's" day to day struggles.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is a heavy purchaser, pays Dunhill \$60 the hundred for his cigars.—News note from the Motion Picture Herald.

Mr. Wm. F. Green is a busy man. In Bill's position as head of the A. F. of L., there are a lot of people who want to see you during the day and a lot more that you don't want to see. Take for instance the way in which Bill is bothered by delegations of union members instigated by the Reds. They come asking all sorts of impossible demands; they want unemployment insurance, recognition of rank and file committees, united front agreements whatever they are, and they've even asked him when he and his gang are going to get out and let the workers run their organization.

Of course most of these people never get to see Bill. But he knows what they want because Matt Woll tells him and Matt gets it direct from the gun. The men who guard the entrance to the A. F. of L. headquarters. That doesn't mean that no one ever gets to see Bill. No sir-ee, he's not that high-hat or exclusive. If you've got business to talk to Bill Green he'll let you in. And by business we mean

BUSINESS. If your name is Gerard Swope, or Walter Teague or some such gentlemen who come as representatives of the General Electric or Standard Oil, you don't ask—you must walk right in. Sometimes, too, Bill will oblige and go to their offices, or if they're good enough he'll gladly attend some nice dinner party where you see Bill at his best. Sitting in back of a nice linen spread table, with heavy silverware service and a roast canvas-back for an entree to be washed down by Mumm's 1902 champagne, you'd never think he was the "chosen representative of several million American workers."

"No Strikes," Says Bill But called upon to say a few words, Bill will let them cut out of the bag. He'll tell the white shirt-fronts and the open breast-ladies that "labor" isn't selfish, don't want it all as they may think. Not the labor he knows. Bill gives them his solemn word that the "warring machine" is not a Bolshevik. He doesn't want to be at odds with them, doesn't care to strike and won't, says Bill, if he can stop them from doing so.

Well, Bill! Talk that way for a half-hour. And the lily white hands of all the men and the women will applaud Bill, especially when he tells them how he hates the Soviet Russians, who have taken everything from the Czar's millionaires and left them so destitute. Bill really gets them when he talks along these lines. They just love him when he

speaks about his own attempts to prevent recognition of Soviet Russia. And you should see how he makes Ham Fish blush and Matt Woll swell when he speaks of the noble work these men are doing in holding back the Communists in our own country.

And like a good hundred-percent he'll wind up by waving a flag for the NRA. Mr. Roosevelt, King George, Mussolini and anyone else who lives on canvas-back and washes it down with Mumm's 1902 champagne. Then Bill sits down. Those lily-white hands applaud so hard you'd think they'd be able to smash an egg in 'em.

Now, the 60c cigars are another story with Bill Green. It wasn't always 60 cents. There was a time when he smoked 'em whole lot cheaper, but that was long before he became president of the A. F. of L. and before getting into the real heavy sugar. But if you know the A. F. of L. "leaders" you'd know by this time that being head of the whole shooting match is like being in a first class business, or to make it clearer, like being in a swell racket. You've seen it in the movies probably, how the president of a bank or big business will reach into the lower drawer and pull out a swell box of cigars for his best customers—well, that's the way it is with Bill Green, president of the American Federation of Labor. When a mill or mine owner comes into Bill's office mad as hell because their business has been closed up by a strike, Bill just cools him down with nice kind words and reaches

in that lower drawer, takes out the box and hands it over to the boiling capitalist. Nine times out of ten it has the desired effect. They'll look at the box, smile a little and then light 'er up. One puff and you'd never think it was the same gruff looking gent that came in the office a few minutes before, there's so many smiles on the face.

The Best Laid Plans

You've heard the old saying about the best laid plans of men and mice. Well, it happened to Bill Green once and all on account of the 60 cents that Dunhill in New York makes for him. It was on one of the first days of the NRA and Bill was having the damndest time keeping the workers from striking. He was just fetching to leave his office, when W. T. Granville was announced. Granville has that big munitions plant in Connecticut and he'd just landed a big munitions order from the Japs. Millions were in his lap when his munitions workers decided to go on strike. It was enough to make a man like Granville go crazy. For three years it'd been depression and just when he was getting ready to go in a big way, his men strike. He shrieked and screamed so at Bill that Bill's usual line had no effect at all. By tomorrow his men would be on strike and every day they were out meant a loss of thousands to him. Bill said he didn't understand how the men could go out when he had (absolutely) forbidden them to do so. This made Granville

even madder. Like every other big American business man he had depended on Bill Green when trouble happened. Bill was so upset he forgot all about the cigars for the moment. All he could do was to take the insults of Granville and hope to God he would cool down. He knew damn well he could exercise no influence on the munitions workers if he had decided to strike the next day, so it was useless to call the business agent of the local on the phone. He perspired while the munitions man laid the insults thick on the sandy head of Bill Green.

The munitions man stopped for a moment and reached in his top pocket for a cigar. The pocket was empty. Bill beamed all over. He actually became nonchalant as he reached for the lower drawer and pulled out a box. He opened it and extended the cigar—and then the tragedy. The box was empty.

Bill has been in some pretty messy all his life but this seemed to top anything that ever happened. Granville took it as an insult. He abused Bill and called him insincere. He was darned if he didn't believe Bill was in sympathy with his workers. The big business men of the country would hear of the treachery of Bill Green. He'd even go further, he'd tell Roosevelt all about Green. Bill tried to reassure Granville, but the munitions man didn't even hear a word Bill said. He just flew out of the office, leaving Bill blinking at the empty box, that once contained 100 Dunhill 60 cents.

Astoria "Pick-Up" Farce Worker Shows

PROPAGANDA ONLY TO SOFT-SOAP FIRING ON CWA JOBS

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 10.—Another wage-cut has been put over on Astoria's unemployed "relief" workers. This is the third blow in two weeks at the living standard of Astoria's unemployed, for two weeks ago the CWA works were cut in half, and later the County Red Cross cut the script payment to its workers from 30c per hour to 25c per hour.

Figures released by the capitalist press reveal that 1322 native born workers, to say nothing of foreigners, are still "actively seeking employment." There have been 2744 applications for jobs, and 2267 "jobs" handed out, so that with 1322 of the 2744 still looking for work, it is easy to see that the jobs handed out here are temporary odd jobs on farms, and other work of that nature. Most of those who have secured jobs have had CWA work, and now that is being cut down on because of a so-called "pick-up" in "private employment."

Astoria workers and unemployed must get behind the demands of the Unemployed Council for Unemployment and Social Insurance, at the expense of the bosses and the government. Two billion dollars are being spent this year to prepare for an imperialist war. "All war funds to the unemployed."

BANKS AND SYNDICATES OWN MOST CALIF. FARMS

A recent survey made in the state of California reveals that more than half of the farm land in this state is either owned outright by banks or syndicates, or is managed and controlled by them.

Some time ago I talked with the great-grandson of the first American settler in the state of California. This farmer's ancestors came to California in 1830 and settled near Watsonville. At one time this family owned thousands of acres of land. Now they own about fifty acres, and their land is heavily mortgaged.

I was told that he was unable to market his produce and had to agree to "rent" his land by the year to a local packing house, which in turn is owned by a group of Santa Cruz and Watsonville bankers. The amount of the "rent" was only sufficient to pay the taxes and the interest to the bank, however.

He said that it was impossible for an "independent" farmer to secure a market for his produce. Down in the San Joaquin Valley nearly every other farm has a sign: "For Sale, Bank of America." These farms were acquired by the Bank of America when farmers were unable to

meet their interest. In most cases the original owner still lives on the ranch and is paid 15 or 20 cents an hour by the Bank to do the work. The Bank of America and the Security First National control the marketing of raisins and wine grapes in the valley. The fake co-operatives such as the Sun Maid Raisin Growers of Fresno are nothing but marketing combines controlled by the big bankers of this state.

Going into northern California large farms are owned or controlled by firms like Libby, McNeill & Libby, California Packing Co., etc. Syndicates like Miller & Lux own other large tracts. These companies also own or control practically all the canneries and packing houses and their own farms are able to produce all the fruit and vegetables required by their canneries and packing houses.

In a few years, if present conditions continue to exist, all the farms in this state will be owned by a few large combines and syndicates. The N. R. A. with its price-fixing methods have aided these syndicates and have made them very prosperous during the past season. While these concerns are getting richer all the time, the independent farmer must let his crop rot on the ground and await absorption by the big in-terests. —John Holt.

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MORE ABOUT PROFITS IN 1933.

The N. R. A. claims to be ending the crisis. Certainly it is not bringing prosperity for the workers, whose faster work has increased production but has brought them less compensation.

But here are a few who have profited by slashing wages and mounting prices: (*—denotes profit; **—denotes loss)

	—1933—	—1932—	Inc. 1933 over 1932
Southern Pacific	\$9,057,074	\$5,606,157	\$3,450,917
Hercules Powder Co.	* 2,363,055	* 889,763	1,473,292
DuPont Co.	*32,921,253	*19,769,394	13,151,859
Fuller Brush Co., etc.	* 118,861	** 21,837	140,698
Hovos Bros. Co.	* 247,213	* 157,557	89,656
West. Union Tel. Co.	* 4,265,346	*1,398,454	5,663,800
Caterpillar Tractor Co.	* 302,716	*1,616,573	1,919,589
Western Pac. R.R. Co.	* 387,719		
Alaska Packers Co.			
(83% interest held by Calif. Pack'g Corp.)	* 320,670	* 1,560,243	1,880,913

OUT OF YOUR MEAGER PAY.

20c out of every dollar income went for taxes in 1933. In 1932 it was 10c. Of the 20c out of every dollar, 6 1/2c went for Federal taxes, 3 1/2c for State and 10c for municipal taxes.

CULTURAL ADVANCEMENT IN SOVIET UNION.

Today more than half of the 160 million people in the Soviet Union are attending schools or receiving instruction in other organizations, classes and institutes.

Another significant figure is the success achieved in increasing literacy in the Soviet Union. The percentage of those who can read and write has increased as follows:

1913	30% literates
1932	90% literates

CHILDREN INTO SCHOOLS IN U. S. S. R.

	Pre-school children in creches and kindergartens	School Children
1914	11 million	9 million
1928	1/2 million	11 million
1932	5 million	23 million

CHILDREN TAKEN OUT OF SCHOOL IN U. S. A.

In the prosperity year of 1929 there were 1,662,778 children from 5 to 17 years of age not at school, and in 1933, as observed by the SCHOOL ARMS magazine for Feb. 1934, "there are 2,250,000 children of school age who should be in school but are not."

This magazine also quotes "nearly 2,000 rural schools in 24 states failed to open this fall."

"In some communities free public schools have become tuition schools."

"In one town, of 200 children, those whose parents could not pay tuition charges were being denied an education."

STUDENTS RECEIVE STIPEND IN SOVIET UNION.

Not only is there no charge for tuition to Soviet Schools, but students at universities, for example, receive a monthly allowance.

BOOK PUBLISHING IN U. S. S. R.

1913	25,000 titles	1933	25,000 titles
1922	10,000 titles	1931	55,000 titles

NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED IN U. S. S. R.

1913	900 newspapers with circulation of 2.5 million
1928	600 newspapers with circulation of 7.5 million
1932	6,600 newspapers with circulation of 37.5 million

A Unit Circulating Library

Does your Unit have a circulating library? You should. It's the simplest job, and here is how it works.

The comrade in charge of agitation and propaganda (Agit-prop) takes care of it. The unit decides that from now on a single copy of every pamphlet or classic put out by our publishers, should be bought out of the unit treasury and placed in the unit library. Every comrade in the unit, and sympathizers are asked to donate whatever pamphlet or book he has already read and can dispense with to the unit library. In that way you'll be surprised how soon it will grow to a hundred or more pieces of literature.

At every meeting about 5 minutes are devoted to returning the pamphlets loaned at the previous meeting, or picking out another one. In that way, many comrades who don't read much get into the habit, in addition to the fact that many who cannot afford to buy any can get them.

In units where this scheme operates, the political level of the comrades advances very well.

Just one more tip. No pamphlets are to be loaned out if the previous one is not returned. A record should be kept in a special note book.

EDITORIAL

ANSWER THE FASCISTS.

The Department for Agitation and Propaganda of the Communist Party has in preparation a leaflet answering the chief lies of the fascists, especially those against the Soviet Union, the revolutionary movement, the Negro people, the Jewish people, their defense of Japanese imperialism, etc. We hope to distribute half a million copies in the eleven western states alone. The leaflet will be very attractive, simple to understand, and crammed full of facts.

Will you help get it out? How much they will cost will depend on how much is ordered, probably \$1.50 per thousand or less. Send this department as much money as you can spare and when the leaflets are ready we will send you a bundle according to whatever rate the printer sets. The rate will be lower if you order in advance.

Fundamentals of a Communist Political Education

Lecture 5

Industrial Capitalism — Finance Capitalism — From Free Competition to Monopoly — Concentration and Centralization — Strike Tactics and Imperialism —

The development of capitalism can be divided into two main phases: 1.—Industrial capitalism (approximately to the end of the 19th century) 2.—Finance capitalism (its present stage).

The period of INDUSTRIAL CAPITALISM was in the main, a period of "free competition"; a period of steady development and expansion throughout the whole world. During this time, the yet unoccupied colonies were being divided up and conquered by armed forces. During this time also, were maturing all of the contradictions of capitalism of which we spoke in the last lesson, and which did not appear significant to the ordinary observer because they were yet in an early form.

FINANCE CAPITAL (IMPERIALISM)

Towards the beginning of the 20th century, this situation was changed. In the United States there was a great development of the movement towards trustification; free competition rapidly gave way to monopoly.

Until the end of the 19th century, the United States government was different from other big powers, did not find it necessary to seize colonies, because it still had plenty of room to expand to the West and to the South. It was the beginning of the 20th century, however, when colonial lands were already all divided up. The United States capitalist class simultaneously found that it had no more room for easy expansion in territories near it. Already it had gobbled up all territories from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean, and to the Canadian border in the Great Northwest. Now, there began the struggle by the capitalist powers for a re-distribution of colonies, each wanting more, and spheres of influence in the hands of the United States.

The first of these was the Spanish-American War, during which the United States acquired its chief colonial possessions in the Philippines, in the Caribbean and its position of influence in South America. The development of capitalism towards monopoly was accomplished in a great struggle against those who still championed the earlier forms of capitalism and tried to prevent its further development. It was during this time that the Anti-Trust movement which resulted in Anti-Trust laws was being led by such men as the Republican progressives, William Jennings Bryan, etc.

That this movement was futile because it was not in line with the laws of concentration and centralization of the Communist Party has in preparation a leaflet answering the chief lies of the fascists, especially those against the Soviet Union, the revolutionary movement, the Negro people, the Jewish people, their defense of Japanese imperialism, etc. We hope to distribute half a million copies in the eleven western states alone. The leaflet will be very attractive, simple to understand, and crammed full of facts. Will you help get it out? How much they will cost will depend on how much is ordered, probably \$1.50 per thousand or less. Send this department as much money as you can spare and when the leaflets are ready we will send you a bundle according to whatever rate the printer sets. The rate will be lower if you order in advance.

YOUR RESPONSE.

The workers are thinking many important thoughts. We know that, because our mail is crowded with comment and questions from workers to this department. But the response to our appeals to the intellectuals has but small increase. What does that mean? It there no interest in writing short stories and live articles? The ability is there because we have received samples of much good work. Maybe Joaquin Murieta, the burden of government, and the other topics we suggested do not inspire. Well, choose your own subject! But join the growing ranks of revolutionary writers. Don't let the weight of a decadent capitalist culture crush your creative abilities!

No. of Banks Decrease	
1921—June	30,748
1922—June	30,325
1923—June	30,112
1924—Dec.	29,505
1925—Dec.	28,806
1926—Dec.	28,257
1927—Dec.	26,416

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION: E. S. Wasco, Cal.—Your 2nd lecture has been studied by me with great satisfaction. Here is a thought which the lecture suggested to me: Under capitalism commodity production is carried on for sale. That is clear to me. How would this be changed under a Communist society? It seems to me commodity production would go on even under a Communist society. Each factory or farm will produce more than they can use. They must then pass this surplus on to someone else. How else can this surplus be disposed of except on the open market? Would not this disposal constitute commodity production?

ANSWER: Under Communism there would be a Planning Commission that would administer all industries. This commission would consist of experts who would estimate how much of each product is required for the maximum health, comfort and culture of the masses. Every industry would then be assigned its task accordingly. Because of the elimination of the waste of capitalism, industry would be more efficient and productive than now. The maximum amount required to satisfy all human wants would be produced in a few hours work daily. The goods made would not be put on the market for sale and profit but would be absorbed according to the wants of the people. In other words the goods would be made for USE, not for SALE. The entire apparatus of production and distribution would be in the hands of the producers and administered through planning commissions on a local national and international scale. This is not an immediate problem following the overthrow of capitalism, however. During the transition stages of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat and of Socialism, distribution will not

follow the advanced Communist principle. "From each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs" but there will be no commodity production because there will be no sale for profit—money will be only a means of making distribution easy, not a means of accumulating private capital and exploitation rights as under capitalism.

QUESTION: J. S. B., Berkeley, Cal.—Does the making of profits for the capitalists depend on a constantly expanding market. ANSWER: Yes. We have already explained that in previous lectures.

QUESTION: J. S. B., Berkeley, Cal.—I have been told that according to Marx the workingclass cannot be taxed. Is that true? If so why is the C. P. fighting the sales tax?

ANSWER: Whoever told you that did not know whereof he spoke. Even after the worker receives his wages in cash he is beset by many other leeches of the bourgeoisie, the landlord, the pawnbroker, the tax-collector, all of whom take, either as lister, or further reduce the share of the products that goes to the worker. The products are actually held by the bosses—the cash given him is a symbol of what he might be able to buy. However, immediately all the other bourgeois parasites take, either as lister, or further reduce the share of the products that goes to the worker. The products are actually held by the bosses—the cash given him is a symbol of what he might be able to buy. However, immediately all the other bourgeois parasites take, either as lister, or further reduce the share of the products that goes to the worker. The products are actually held by the bosses—the cash given him is a symbol of what he might be able to buy. 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Frisco Pwaf officials have had the first proof of the raising of the cultural level, not as a result of their own efforts, however. Anyway, the Colt Memorial Tower, where the artists are doing one of the Public Works Art Projects, blossomed forth the other day with the work of younger, inspired painters who with bold brush-strokes and daring technique inscribed on the outer base, "ALL WAR FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED!"

SONG OF THE "SOCIALISTS" OF TODAY—
(Sung to tune of "Old Black Joe")

Gone are the days
When we fought the workers' fight,
Gone are the days
When we knew the workers' plight,
Gone are our plans
To overthrow the state,
We hush the mass, with voices calling—

Wait—WAIT—WAIT!!
(Chorus):
It's coming, it's coming,
But it's coming—slow,
When workers call for action,
We say "No. NO. NO!!"

The House Committee for disposal of useless executive papers has resigned and thrown Congress into a furor. There's so much work involved in burning them that no Congressman wants to take it on, claiming the hours exceed even the NRA's most elastic allowances. And so Congress is threatened with being buried under a pile of its own corruption.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"In six months the government allocated through the PWA three billion three hundred million dollars with not a hint of graft."

Some of the exclusive department stores are wishing they hadn't been so eager to aid their society customers during the old "Buy New" campaign. Many bought and few have paid.

A complaint now before the NRA demands the ending of low priced sale of books in drug stores. After looking over the assortment of sexy biographies, phony philosophy, detective yarns and "How-to-Made-Good" stories, the complaint seems unjustified, for what are they but cut-rate drugs?

The recent bank robbery of Dillworth Sumpter Socialist Party candidate for Congressman from Arizona last year, is the first time on record that a Socialist has tried to rob a capitalist instead of the workers.

MODESTO, Cal., Feb. 26.—Pity the poor cons of Modesto who are cruising about the town in search of workers to beat up and yet must do their cruising without adequate car radio equipment!

The situation has become so unbearable (for the poor cons) that it has been decided to hold a public dance in order to raise the \$1,400 necessary to install "two-way radio service" in each cop's swanky car.

So now the workers of Modesto are to be called upon to furnish the money—to buy the radio—to help the cons—to keep the workers from fighting for bread.

—D. R.

The height of idiocy in the Nazi smoke-screen in America is that of the Friends of New Germany that the NRA is a plan to create a Soviet government in the United States.

"Look closely at the Blue Eagle," says Dietrich Goetz. "On one wing are seven feathers, indicating seven geographical divisions of Russia; on the other are ten feathers, indicating ten political divisions in the USSR."

He'd better do better to have said "Look at the cogwheel of industry in the right foot, it indicates the only place in the world where industry is going full blast." But, there is propaganda even in idiocy.

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U. S. Trust Co., Boston
U. S. Trust Co., Providence, R. I.
The Pennsylvania Co., Philadelphia
Union National Bank, Pittsburgh
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New Mexico Jobless March on Santa Fe

HUNGER MARCHERS DEFY BLIZZARD

ROSWELL, N. M., Feb. 14.—Delegates from all over the State of New Mexico are converging at Santa Fe to put their demands for unemployment insurance before the governor and the legislature Monday.

Despite the handicaps of vast distances between towns, organizers have toured the entire state, explaining to thousands of dispossessed homesteaders, cotton workers, miners and unemployed workers, the platform of the Communist Party. Mass support for the Workers Unemployment Insurance act has been gained in all parts of the state, and the temper of the delegations may be judged from the fact that many of them left on their long trip going defiantly into the teeth of a blizzard.

The delegates will not only present their demands to the governor and legislature, but also present a petition signed by thousands of workers in New Mexico, demanding the enacting of the unemployment insurance act.

WIR Opens Social Cultural Centers in Neighborhoods

By Ed Royce

On Feb. 17, a neighborhood center of the Workers International Relief was opened at the Hawthorne House at 837 East 24th St., Los Angeles, named after one of the sponsors and most active workers of the WIR, Alice Hawthorne.

This new center offers workers, professionals and those of the middle class generally, a place to come together socially and for the more vital purposes of unifying and solidifying the widest group of people to participate in the ever increasing need in support of strikes, anti-fascist and anti-war movements.

Tremendous interest has been created throughout Los Angeles. The program of day to day activities offers the widest range of interests, from nursery groups, drama, dramatic art, musical, sport, film-photo, classes in preventive medicine, birth control, dietetics, political and economic sciences, languages, to a domestic troubles bureau where intimate problems and difficulties can be discussed.

Already other sections of Los Angeles are planning WIR centers.

This unique neighborhood house has stirred the imagination of many workers and professionals who attended the opening of the center, and an extensive series of activities have been planned in support of the Imperial Valley strike which has again broken through the terror, and relief on a broader scale than ever will be started.

Fire GWA Workers

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on the relief roll, growing by several hundred cases each week, will soon make the largest in its history. Cash relief decided on to begin on March 5th, is based on a relief plan which will be put into effect during the lowest price period, and will hardly buy more than half at present food prices. The amounts range from \$3.77 a week for a family of two, to \$9.45 for a family of eight.

In California more than 20,000 are being laid off this week, and the rate of lay-offs during the coming weeks will be faster, since, to accommodate the growers, the agricultural areas are to be the first.

The Employment Councils and the Trade Union Unity League have issued a call for demonstrations to follow up the program decided for at the National Conference Against Unemployment, held in Washington on Feb. 3 to 5th, for continuance of the GWA jobless unemployment benefit. They point out that the promise that all will be given relief should not be taken seriously, for, as in the past only the threat of a mass movement of workers will insure that even the inadequate relief will be given.

TORGISIN HEAD VISITS COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Mr. A. Mintz, Asst. General Representative in the United States of TORGISIN, the company for trade with foreigners in the USSR, arrived from New York today on a trip to stimulate Torgsin business in Coast cities.

"A good share of the remittances which we forward to the friends and relatives in the USSR are sent by people of Russian origin residing in the Pacific Coast," Mr. Mintz said. Torgsin business has grown rapidly in the last few years, Mr. Mintz pointed out. "This is due largely to the fact that retail outlets at which Torgsin orders are honored have been built in every important city in the Soviet Union. Only a year ago there were about 700 stores. Now there are 1,700 and these are being added to daily."

This is an especially busy season for Torgsin, Mr. Mintz said, because of the Jewish holidays. He will visit all important cities on the Pacific coast.

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\$19.16	
EAST BAY: CP Unit 3, Oakland	2.00
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\$142.40	
TOTAL THIS WEEK	\$198.07
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District No. 12	3
Miscellaneous	2
94	
TOTAL	94
Previously obtained	886
Balance to raise	2914

S.F. Longshoremen Demonstrations for Austrian Workers

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a scheme which would throw out of work about 50,000 men in the industry, and establish government "link-halls" for hiring.

Expose Fakery

During the election of the delegates to the convention, two fakery were exposed to the membership. Business Agent Cut-Thursday was the best expression of solidarity of the workers of all groups and organizations, but for the treacherous action of the Socialist fakery, who organized hoodlums, and brought in police in an effort to eject the militant workers, and beat up the Communist leaders. The Communist Party calls upon the workers to denounce all such action as treachery and strike-breaking, and in the same fashion as the Austrian fighters break through these barriers for united action, as any one who splits the ranks of the workers at this time helps the fakery.

The other fakery was Kulberg, International organizer, who, when sent to Stockton to aid the fight of the IILA local there, made an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to let them in get wage port bonds passed, instead of helping the longshoremen in their struggle. He had been authorized by the S. F. local to notify George Croel, NRA director that any ship worked in Stockton was port labor would not be worked here, but did nothing in this regard, but agreed with Port Captain Blaine that the Stockton stevedores were inefficient and incompetent and should be fired. They have been, then he reported back to the local that everything was all fixed. Further, he wrote District Secretary Bjorklund that he was doing everything he could to stop the rank and file convention and had all things well in charge.

The meeting yelled "Take him out!" and Kulberg was not elected.

Austrian Struggle

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and most have even deserted. Or, Bauer, chief leader, is reported to be in Czechoslovakia. The Communist Party already for many months in illegality, appears everywhere giving leadership to the workers.

Feared Soviet

That a Soviet power is what the Dollfuss government feared was admitted today in a statement from Fey, one of the ruling triumvirate.

"If we had failed to put down the Socialist revolt there would have been a Soviet State—temporary perhaps—but with predictable consequences."

The government is taking very rapid measures for the greatest mass hanging in history, picking especially the most courageous of the fighters. In the meantime the Austrian exiled Nazis, leader Dr. Theodore Habicht has delivered an ultimatum to the Dollfuss government that unless

Portland Jobless

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packed the corridors and stairways from the sidewalk up six floors to the office. Plaisted, the head official, had gone, so the workers announced they would return the next day. The one-day holiday which had been called in support of the demonstration was extended for another day.

That night about 200 of the demonstrators were refused their beds at the Commons flophouse, on the claim that they had not worked. Many of them had their beds already paid for, but when they refused to leave the lobby, police were called and 38 arrested. Wednesday at the trial, MacClaren, head of the flophouse, was made such a fool of that the judge dismissed the cases to prevent further exposure of the relief system.

While the trial was on, in the Panama Building the second demonstration presented their demands and forced the Committee of the workers looked out and won the right to choose whether they would work for three meals, or not work and get two meals a day. As a result of the demonstration, the Single Workers Local, already 500 strong, gained many new members, and they will continue the fight until they win all their demands.

Theodore Jordan

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Pacific boss.

This meeting will be sponsored by the State-wide Jordan Defense and Anti-Lynch Conference, the Jordan Defense Committee, and the International Labor Defense.

"Mother George", mother of the framed Negro worker, is now making a state-wide tour in support of this mass conference.

The Oregon Section of the I.L.D. has gone heavily into debt in conducting this case, and in order to continue this successful fight, not only mass protest but mass financial contributions are necessary.

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Imperial Valley

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Camp" on the edge of the desert in tent and palmleaf huts.

The withdrawal of state police and federal authorities yesterday gave the growers full rein to break the strike with terror and the following morning 100 police stopped the picket line and arrested sixteen on charges of violating an emergency ordinance against obstructing highways. If picking is not begun in a few days the peas will go to seed and this and following crops be lost. The loss of the past week is estimated at \$20,000 per day. But the growers, after two meetings with the negotiations committee of the strikers, have refused to meet their demands although they were offered a compromise from the original demand of 2c a pound for picking to 1 1/2c a pound, if other demands, particularly sanitation and drinking water are granted. They claimed they could only give 1 1/4c, trying to back this up with a lot of figures, but the strikers in the camps voted against it. Sanitation is vital. Three babies have died of typhoid fever and malnutrition because of the present conditions.

3000 on Picket Line

This morning's arrests on the picket lines were the first, as daily the lines have been so strong—1500 to 3000—that the 500 armed police detail of 3000 included more than 300 cars and was three miles long.

In East San Diego camp, 1000 Mexican workers have been surrounded by 50 armed guards for a week, in an effort to terrorize them into scabbing, but not a one has broken ranks. Workers have brought messages from the Central Strike Committee to them, sneaking through the deputies' line.

Only 11 workers were brought from Los Angeles to scab, following attempts of growers to recruit through St. Phillips and other missions there. And when they arrived in the valley they joined the strikers!

Twenty-five Filipino strikers, camped near Calipatria and jailed for "improper sanitation" were offered the payment of their fines by the grower. Young, if they would scab. And they refused.

Thousands Join Union

The solidarity of the Mexican, white, Negro, Filipino and Puerto Rican workers is marvelous. About 90 percent of the strikers are women.

The union has issued a leaflet warning against the disruptive tactics of the Mexican Consul, Joaquin Terrazas, who is now in the area. More than 1000 Western Workers and 3000 strike bulletins have been distributed and thousands joined the union Saturday and Sunday. Many are

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Los Angeles to Open Youth Center

The Los Angeles YCL is planning to open a youth center by March 1st. The place the comrades have in mind includes an office, reading room, gym and showers.

In order to raise the money necessary to take the center over they are holding a YCL dance Saturday, Feb. 24, at Music Arts Hall. Everybody out.

Archie Brown Tour of California Cities Continues

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 10.—Over 200 workers, a large portion of them youth, heard Archie Brown speak on "Youth in the Soviet Union," at the Workers Center. The YCL uniform, Archie wears, created quite a bit of enthusiasm. \$15.00 was raised to help put the Oakland YCL in uniform. Several young workers put in applications for membership in the YCL.

In Berkeley, Feb. 11, over 100 at Archie Brown meeting. Anti-War slides received a big hand. \$6.00 raised for uniforms.

In Stockton, Feb. 12, Young Communist League unit organized in Stockton as result of meeting. 150 present. \$5.50 raised for uniforms.

Comrade Brown will speak in: Richmond, Wed., Feb. 21; Palo Alto, Fri., Feb. 23; San Jose, Sat., Feb. 24; Santa Cruz, Sun., Feb. 25; Watsonville, Mon., Feb. 26; Salinas, Tues., Feb. 27; Castroville, Wed., Feb. 28; Monterey, Thurs., Mar. 1. Following these meetings he will speak in Southern California.

YCL Griffith Park Outing a Success

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—Over 100 YCL members and friends turned out to the second bi-weekly outing held by the YCL. 100 YCL members practiced marching in regular squad formation. The drill was so enthusiastic that a Marine watching the practice volunteered his services in helping drill the squads.

The YCL basketball team took a sound drubbing when it stacked up against a church team.

YCL Organizes More New Units

Several new units of the YCL were organized last week. Most important were: Unit of seamen on the San Francisco waterfront; unit in a CCC camp in southern California; Unit in Tucson, Ariz.

Mass Meeting Protests Beating

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 12th.—Four hundred workers massed in the Philosophers Club meeting last Sunday protested against the terrorist attack, beating, and firing of four workers from Camp Marwedell.

The five workers, Stone, Bacula, Nelson, and Willis, had organized a protest among the camp workers against miserable conditions there. The camp's bosses incited the more backward workers to make a brutal attack upon these workers, and they were beaten.

The protest meeting demanded that the workers should be immediately reinstated, that all back wages due to them should be paid, that they should be paid for all the lost time due to firing, and that the rights of all workers to organize for better conditions should be recognized and enforced.

Joining the Communist Party.

Calexico Trial

In Calexico trial of Emma Cutler, International Labor Defense organizer, Clarence Lynch, I.L.D. attorney, and Chas. Hoffman, continues with the beginning of examination of prosecution witnesses.

The first week of the trial was spent in finally securing a jury, after exhausting several panels.

In El Centro, five comrades—Jeanette Elfmann, Bill Sherman, L. Palomarez, F. Samora and Paderanga—were freed of charges of vagrancy. At once a demonstration formed and went to the jail where other comrades are held and called out the news, and for fifteen minutes the jail rocked with revolutionary songs and shouted slogans as the comrades inside celebrated their victory with them. Twenty are in jail yet.

David Martinez, R. Salazar and F. Bustamante, arrested this week for "disturbing the peace" are being tried in Brawley. Eight others will follow on the same charges. When the three refuse to plead guilty, four new charges were placed against them. I.L.D. attorney Breeden presented affidavits proving the judge and jury were prejudiced, but the judge ruled in his own favor and went on with the trial. Twelve panels were exhausted before the jury was finally chosen.

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Berkeley

BIG ENTERTAINMENT—Gymnastic Exhibition by Finnish Workers Gymnastic Club, Sun., Feb. 25th, Comrades Hall, 1819 14th St., Berkeley. Adm. in advance 25c, door 30c. Suits available at Comrades Hall.

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